COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF HICKORY WATER DISTRICT, OF GRAVES COUNTY, KENTUCKY, FOR (1) A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, AUTHORIZING AND PERMITTING SAID WATER DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT A WATERWORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, CONSISTING OF EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE DISTRICT; (2) APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PLAN OF FINANCING OF SAID PROJECT; AND (3) APPROVAL OF THE INCREASED WATER RATES PROPOSED TO BE CHARGED BY THE DISTRICT TO CUSTOMERS OF THE DISTRICT

CASE NO. 8355

AMENDMENT TO INTERIM ORDER

The Commission finds that its Interim Order dated December 2, 1981, should be amended. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the December 2, 1981, Order is amended by the addition of the following statement:

The Commission will, by subsequent Order, address the rate adjustments proposed by Hickory Water. A fundamental rate-making principle of this Commission is that the utility under efficient management should be allowed rates sufficient to produce revenues which cover its reasonable operating expenses and interest costs, and provide for a margin which allows growth in surplus. This principle not only insures that the utility has adequate cash flow in the form of depreciation but also that the customer does not pay for imprudently incurred costs.

All other provisions of the Commission's Order of December 2, 1981, shall remain in full force and effect.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of December, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin M. Volz Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary